

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 93

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 185

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 93, Torlakson. Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of October 12 to 20, 2004, inclusive, as Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week in California, and would encourage the communities and citizens of California to organize activities during that week to promote awareness about musculoskeletal conditions and to help educate our citizens about prevention strategies.

WHEREAS, California has declared its support for the Bone and Joint Decade; and

WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal (bone and joint) disorders such as arthritis, back pain, childhood musculoskeletal conditions, osteoporosis, and major limb trauma, poses a significant and increasing burden on American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Patients suffering from musculoskeletal conditions, as well as the health care professionals who treat them, and medical and patient health associations are joining together to advance the understanding and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders through prevention, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal conditions adversely affect the occupations and social lives of millions of people throughout California, and one in every seven Americans, costing billions of dollars in treatments and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, The more the public and patients learn about prevention activities, the better able they are to prevent a musculoskeletal disorder; and

WHEREAS, The more patients with musculoskeletal conditions learn about treatment options, the better able they are to work with health care professionals in determining the best course of action; and

WHEREAS, The week of October 12 to 20, 2004, inclusive, has been declared as Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week by the

United States Bone and Joint Decade, which is a part of the worldwide bone and joint decade initiative; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the importance of citizen awareness of musculoskeletal disorders and conditions and declares the week of October 12 to 20, 2004, inclusive, as Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week in California, and encourages the communities and citizens of California to organize activities during that week to promote awareness about musculoskeletal conditions, and to help educate our citizens about prevention strategies; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

